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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for legislative review of the Iowa Code over a
2 ten-year period.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **2.70 Ten-year statutory review.**

2 1. The state government efficiency review committee shall
3 conduct a comprehensive review of the Iowa Code. In lieu of
4 the duties provided in section 2.69, the committee shall meet
5 annually to review the titles of the Iowa Code over a ten-year
6 period as provided in subsection 3. The purpose of the review
7 shall be to identify statutes that are outdated, redundant, or
8 otherwise in need of revision in order to promote efficient,
9 economical, and effective government administration in this
10 state.

11 2. The committee may establish procedures to facilitate
12 review pursuant to this section. State or local government
13 agencies and officials shall provide the committee with
14 information to facilitate such review upon request. Such
15 review may include a review of any uncodified provisions of the
16 Iowa Acts that pertain to a title subject to review as well as
17 any statutes relevant to a title subject to review that are
18 codified in another title.

19 3. The committee shall submit a report with its findings
20 and recommendations regarding the following titles of the Iowa
21 Code to the general assembly by the first day of the general
22 assembly of the following years. The report may include one or
23 more proposed bills including any statutory changes determined
24 to be necessary or advisable by the committee.

- 25 *a.* Title I, 2022.
- 26 *b.* Titles II and III, 2023.
- 27 *c.* Titles IV and VI, 2024.
- 28 *d.* Titles V and XI, 2025.
- 29 *e.* Title VII, 2026.
- 30 *f.* Title VIII, 2027.
- 31 *g.* Title IX, 2028.
- 32 *h.* Title X, 2029.
- 33 *i.* Titles XII and XIII, 2030.
- 34 *j.* Titles XIV, XV, and XVI, 2031.

35 EXPLANATION

1 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
2 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

3 This bill requires the state government efficiency review
4 committee to conduct a comprehensive review of the Iowa Code
5 over a 10-year period. The purpose of the review shall be to
6 identify statutes that are outdated, redundant, or otherwise
7 in need of revision in order to promote efficient, economical,
8 and effective government administration. The review shall be
9 organized by title of the Iowa Code.

10 The committee may establish procedures and request
11 information from state or local government agencies and
12 officials to facilitate the review. The review may include
13 uncodified provisions of the Iowa Acts and statutes codified in
14 other titles, if relevant to a title subject to review.

15 The committee shall submit a report with its findings and
16 recommendations, which may include proposed legislation, to the
17 general assembly by the first day of the general assembly in
18 the annual timeline specified in the bill. The timeline for
19 review is as follows:

20 Title I (state sovereignty and management), 2022.

21 Titles II (elections and official duties) and III (public
22 services and regulation), 2023.

23 Titles IV (public health) and VI (human services), 2024.

24 Titles V (agriculture) and XI (natural resources), 2025.

25 Title VII (education and cultural affairs), 2026.

26 Title VIII (transportation), 2027.

27 Title IX (local government), 2028.

28 Title X (financial resources), 2029.

29 Titles XII (business entities) and XIII (commerce), 2030.

30 Titles XIV (property), XV (judicial branch and judicial
31 procedures), and XVI (criminal law and procedure), 2031.